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## **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from April 7, 2000 to and including July 7, 2000 in the above-referenced application.

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